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## Baptist Record To Feature Special Stewardship Issue

The Baptist Record issue of June 14 will be a special Stewardship Revival Commitment issue carrying a list of all churches, by associations, that have been committed during May to observe Stewardship Revival, Oct. 31-Nov. 7, it has been announced by Rev. Joe Abrams, Director of Promotion.

May has been designated as "Church Commitment Month" for Stewardship Revival, Oct. 30-Nov. 7 with special efforts being made to get as many churches as possible committed during the month.

Special commitment cards have been provided to all churches through the pastors and the churches are urged to return the cards as soon as possible.

All churches whose cards are received in the Baptist Building on or before June 1 will be listed in the special issue of the Record.

In addition to the above, every association that is 100 per cent enlisted will be honored by having a picture of its stewardship chairman inserted in the issue.

Churches returning the commitment card are urged to check Plan A or B so the proper materials and information can be provided for them.

Plan A is the same plan used last fall and is suggested for those churches that did not participate at that time.

Plan B features sermon, study and visitation and is suggested for those churches that did participate last year.

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## Radio Commission To Move To Texas

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP)—The Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will move to Fort Worth, Tex., if a recommendation of the Commission to be submitted to the Convention early in June is adopted. A resolution passed by the Commission at a special called meeting was made public by Allen Graves, Tulsa, Okla., president of the group.

Dr. Graves cited as primary reasons for relocating the Radio Commission the following:

1) Need for a more central location of the Radio and Television Commission both geographically and denominationally.

2) The assurance of a permanent 50,000 watt radio outlet not now

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Some of the leaders in the Rural Church Conference: Dr. S. F. Dowis, Secretary, Department of Co-operative Missions, Home Mission Board; Dr. Chester Quarles, State Executive Secretary, Mississippi, and chairman of the long-range committee; Dr. Courts Redford, Executive Secretary, Home Mission Board; and Dr. Porter Routh, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

## Rural Life Conference Adopts Seven Point Revitalization Program

### 'The Miracle Of Marriage'

By Dr. A. Donald Bell  
(Given at Christian Home Week, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.)

(Editor's Note: Dr. Bell is a former member of the Mississippi College faculty and is now on the faculty of Southwestern Seminary.)

Americans do not appreciate the miracle of electricity as do peoples of other nations. Why? Because most of us deal with this wonder each hour of the day as we push buttons and pull switches. Many people who live in the mountains lose their appreciation of the miracle of God's handiwork and creative power. Those of us in the valley or on the plain must remind them of the wonders of the mountains. Even many Christians have lost their sense of awe at the conversion of a friend or relative—our world's greatest miracle! Why? Because we live so close to miracles that we get used to them.

Christian marriage is like this. We take successful families for granted—we forget that in these days tidal waves of opposition assail a Christian home. Establishing a Christian home is impossible when only human resources are employed; this enterprise calls for God as a partner. Like the building of a Christian life the building of a Christian home is a real miracle.

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Atlanta, Ga., May 14, (BN). . . Approximately 1,000 rural Baptist pastors, associational missionaries, and laymen met May 11-14 in the first convention-wide Rural Church Conference at the First Church, Decatur, Georgia.

Dr. Chester Quarles, executive state secretary of Mississippi and chairman of the 25 year rural church committee for Southern Baptists presented a seven point revitalization program which was unanimously adopted. The program includes all rural pastors adequately trained and supported living in the community and giving their entire time to the field; each church properly located, having adequate grounds and facilities; every rural church seeking to make the greatest possible contribution in lifting the level of the total life of the community; and every rural church teaching the Bible plan of stewardship; giving a percentage of its total budget to missions through the Cooperative Program; the expansion of rural work to make a church accessible to the people of every community in the convention area; co-operating with minority groups; colleges and seminaries include in their curriculum specialized courses in community life and development; and practical training of rural leadership. He also presented a ten point program for the next five years.

A five year program committee

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## Mission Gifts Receipts Total \$900,254 In April

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) Mission gifts for the month of April reached \$900,254, bringing the total for the first four months of 1954 in the Southern Baptist Convention's portion of the Cooperative Program receipts to \$3,656,549, according to Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee. This is an increase of \$408,016 or 12.56 per cent over last year's figure of \$3,248,533 for the same period.

Southern Baptists gave \$552,902 in designated gifts to Convention-wide causes in April bringing the year's total to \$4,329,487. This is an increase of \$298,491 or 7.40 per cent during the first four months of 1953.

Cooperative Program and designated receipts together totaled \$1,453,156, bringing the year's total

thus far to \$7,986,036, an increase of \$706,507 or 9.71 per cent.

Texas led the states in Cooperative Program receipts for the month with a total of \$125,000, Tennessee was second with \$77,375, North Carolina third with \$75,165, South Carolina fourth with \$74,260 and Oklahoma fifth with \$69,012.

Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, District of Columbia, New Mexico, and Virginia are the states not showing an increase in gifts when compared with the same period last year.

Florida has given \$28,238 more to the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program this year than last. Other states showing increases are Georgia with \$57,124, more, Kentucky \$15,795, Louisiana \$29,771, Mississippi \$39,527, Missouri \$45,209, Tennessee \$49,609, and Texas \$65,592.

## Protests Police Probe Of Baptist Pastors

ROME (RSN)—A Baptist official here protested to Premier Mario Scelba against the action of local police authorities in several parts of Italy who allegedly are demanding that Baptist pastors submit detailed information on the size of their congregations and extent of their religious activities.

The protest was signed by the executive secretary of the Italian Baptist Church. It said that "the atmosphere of vigilance and dis-

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## Businessman Visits Russian Baptist Church

LONDON (BP)—R. M. Charley, London businessman, who is in Russia on business reports that on his visit to a Baptist church in Moscow he was cordially received by the pastor and members of the church.

"Ten minutes before the service was to begin the church was packed to the doors, so the service commenced, lasting two hours and twenty minutes and including three sermons. 'I gave a message of

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## Churches Urged To Take Offering For Ministerial Relief During June

June offers the opportunity for our churches to assist those who laid the foundation of our Baptist work by taking an offering for ministerial relief.

These offerings are necessary that funds may be provided for the 1,489 persons on our relief roll. The Relief Department of the Relief and Annuity Board receives \$186,666.70 from Southwide Cooperative Program funds but this is not sufficient to meet the needs of the 606 preachers and 883 widows of preachers who look to the Relief Department for their livelihood.

Since there is no possibility of receiving a greater percentage of Cooperative Program funds for relief, the Southern Baptist Convention and its Executive Committee

request that the churches take a Fellowship Offering for ministerial relief on the first Sunday in June, or at such time as is convenient for the church.

This should be a must in the program of every Southern Baptist Church, that suffering may be prevented among these veterans of the Cross. The Relief Department spent more in twelve states for relief in 1953 than was received from those states.

To assist these old preachers is a blessed privilege. To abandon them would be unpardonable. No church should let June pass without this offering being observed. Money from these Fellowship Offerings should be sent to Miss. Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, Miss.

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**"The Miracle Of**

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 racle. And we live so close to it that we fail to see the wonder in it. Soon we do not take marriage seriously at all and we use it for the subject matter of our jokes.

**Two Strangers Meet**

Let us see how seemingly impossible marriage according to Christian standards would be if we were not familiar with it. Suppose we knew nothing about the marriage of two people living in faithfulness together as husband and wife for as long as they live. Presume that we were unfamiliar with our high ideals of the Christian home. Then imagine that I propose to you that two people—relative strangers actually—be bound together in a simple service and attempt to live in this faithful relationship. Let's say that they are even of very different personalities; from different backgrounds; of varying economic levels; and in all ways far from being alike.

If you did not already know that such a faithful relationship were workable and possible, you would laugh at me and insist that it would not work—you would probably say, "Why, that's nothing short of a miracle." And you would be right. We forget that our Christian ideals for the family are very high. We expect more out of marriage than any group of people in the history of the race—we expect a miracle.

**It Is Too Much to Expect from Man**

"Only God can make a man—only God can remake a man." Only with the help of God could a couple expect to succeed in this serious business of building a Christian home.

Some will say that they know of families which are happy and moral and well-adjusted, yet not Christian. Just answer that they have "borrowed" God's blueprint for a Christian home without giving the Lord the credit!

The average man and woman, though bound together by love, still need a spiritual bond which is even stronger. It is interesting how people are united when they focus their attention and endeavor on a single focal point. A Christian couple launching out on the sea of matrimony will feel closer to each other because of the common faith in God. Later their love for the children will be stronger when they accept Christ. "Yes, all of it is too big a thing for us—we must have God to help in this miracle of marriage."

**The Wonder of Living Together**

As one sees the many facets to a human personality and the eccentricities of people he wonders that we all get along as well as we do. Unless there is a spiritual love to lubricate the moving cogs of family living there is bound to be friction. Families that live together happily meet the popular three-fold test: they work together, they play together, and they pray together.

Like many miracles building a great Christian home is a long range process. Over a period of years of working and playing and praying the God-blessed institution evolves. Multiplied instances of painting the house together; planning the annual vacation as a group; and sharing in the duties of the household. Such working together in the home builds great

**Radio Commission**

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 available for the "Baptist Hour" national weekly broadcast of Southern Baptists.

3) The possibilities for use of student workers from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, thus aiding many of them in financing their schooling.

The recommendation was made with certain stipulations which indicated that moving expenses must be wholly contributed by friends of the Commission in Texas and elsewhere so as not to use any denominational funds, and that the 50,000 watt outlet must be assured.

Should the Convention approve the move, it would mean a savings in cost of television production since the Commission would be closer to Hollywood where Southern Baptist television films are made.

**Christian citizenship.**

Members of families that play together love each other more. A few years ago I was interested to notice that the families of Holland still have long, elaborate dinners around large dining room tables each night. After these dinners they stay around the table and chat, play games, and fellowship together. It is meaningful to remember that Holland has fewer divorces than most countries of the world.

One has said the families which pray together stay together. This is true from several standpoints. One, the family will have the faith to meet the difficulties which wreck the un-Christian home. Two, regular prayer gives a sense of mission to family living—a feeling of purpose. Three, prayer together gives continuing confidence in each other.

Prayer and Bible teaching in the home also prepares the children for the establishing of their own Christian families. In a survey among the coeds of a large Eastern university each girl was asked to give, in an unsigned questionnaire, her reasons for moral behavior on dates. One girl answered, "I can't recite anymore the ten commandments I learned from my mother, BUT I STILL LIVE BY THEM!"

**Working With God For A Miracle**

This miracle of marriage is not easy then. Each Christian husband, wife, or parent ought to constantly ask God's help in this job of building a Christian home. We can apply to the American home—"United we stand—divided we fall!"

Christians can do the difficult thing with God!

—BR—

"The Baptist Hour," radio program produced by the Southern Baptist Radio Commission, will soon be recorded and distributed entirely on tape.

**White And Grey To Speak At Blue Mountain Commencement**

GOV. HUGH WHITE

DR. J. D. GREY

BLUE MOUNTAIN — The 81st annual commencement program of Blue Mountain College will take place Saturday, May 29, and Sunday, May 30.

The Hon. Hugh White, Governor of Mississippi, will make the address Saturday at 10:00 a. m., in Modena Lowrey Auditorium.

Dr. J. D. Grey, Pastor of the First Church, New Orleans, and former President of the Southern Baptist Convention, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at 11:00 a. m., in the Lowrey Memorial Church.

**Ministers Security Plan Now Officially Adopted**

A telegram just received from the Relief and Annuity Board in Dallas reveals that Mississippi has

officially adopted the new proposed Ministers Security Plan, it has been announced by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

Mississippi adopted the plan by securing 231 unit votes, that is, two thirds of the members of the present Ministers Retirement Plan together with their accompanying church votes.

The Plan therefore will become automatically effective July 1 for those who voted to enter the Plan as well as any others who so vote before July 1.

Those who are members of the present Ministers Retirement Plan and who do not vote to come into the new Plan will remain in the present Ministers Retirement Plan just the same as if no new plan had been presented.

The present Ministers Retirement Plan will be closed to membership after July 1 however and no new certificates will be issued after that date.

Those not in the Ministers Retirement Plan and who wish to join the Ministers Security Plan must join the Ministers Retirement Plan first, before July 1 and trans-

fer to the Ministers Security Plan as of that date.

The Ministers Security Plan is a combination of the present Ministers Retirement Plan and the Widows Supplemental Plan together with five increased benefits.

The dues under the Ministers Security Plan is 5 per cent of the member's salary (up to a maximum of \$4,000 annually), plus the same amount from the church and the same amount from the denomination.

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**CHARLESTON PASTOR AWARDED DOCTORATE**

Landrum P. Leavell, II, son of Mrs. Leonard O. Leavell and the late Dr. Leavell of Newman, Georgia was among the recent graduates of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, being the recipient of the doctor of theology degree.

Dr. Leavell holds the A. B. degree from Mercer University and the B. D. degree from the New Orleans Seminary. His major was the Greek New Testament with minors in Church History and Christian Psychology.

Formerly pastor of the Union Church in Pike County and the Crosby Church, he is now pastor of the First Church of Charleston.

**Former Baptist Record Employee Dies**

Miss Emma Smith, age 77, who served in the subscription department of the Baptist Record for 32 years prior to her retirement a few years ago died May 13 after a lingering illness.

Miss Smith, a native of Quebec, Canada, had lived in Jackson for fifty years.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Roy C. Clark, pastor of the Capitol Street Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. Clay F. Lee. Interment was made in Cedar Lawn Cemetery.

She is survived by two nieces; Mrs. A. W. Godwin of New Orleans, Mrs. Clyde Gardner, of McComb, also four great-nephews; Charles Godwin of New York City, A. W. Godwin, Jr., of New Orleans, Lt. Commander, Clyde Gardner, Jr., of Evanston, Ill., and William H. Gardner, of McComb.

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**Businessman Visits**

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 greeting which was translated by the pastor, and at the close of the service they sang "God be with you till we meet again," Charley said. "During the last chorus the whole congregation waved handkerchiefs and the pastor kissed me on the cheek."

"Of all the occasions of church fellowship I have had round the world, this is the most memorable," Charley said.

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**Protests Police Probe**

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 crimination against religious minorities created by this survey" is contrary to Article XX of the Italian Constitution.

Baptist ministers in Italy have been instructed by the denomination's headquarters here to refuse to supply the requested data.

Meanwhile, the Federal Council of Italian Evangelical churches has filed a protest with the Interior Ministry against the alleged refusal of civic authorities at Venosa, in southern Italy, to issue a permit for the building of a church by the Methodist community there.

Noting that the Venosa officials justified their action on the ground that "no previous authorization was requested," the protest said "the need for such an authorization has never before been heard of."

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Everett L. Deane, treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board has reported the final total of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for 1953 as \$3,602,554.86, an increase of \$322,182.07 over 1952. The largest offering came from Texas, with North Carolina, second, and Virginia, third.

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## And Don't Forget Our Stepmothers

In the two preceding issues of the Baptist Record there have been articles honoring mothers and mothers-in-law. It is fitting that we offer a word of appreciation for stepmothers.

Most of us in our childhood read the story of Cinderella and her wicked stepmother. That cruel lady made poor little Cinderella do all the dirty work while her own two daughters were pampered and petted and allowed to live in luxury and indolence. Due to this story and a number of similar stories, many people have formed a mistaken opinion of the great majority of stepmothers.

Webster defines stepmother as "the wife of one's father by a subsequent marriage." In building a home and in being a mother to her stepchildren, a stepmother often has obstacles to meet and overcome. Sometimes the children resent the new mother, especially if they remember their own mother. Sometimes the husband may find fault with the stepmother and compare her with his first companion. In the face of these obstacles stepmothers rear children not their own with the love and care that they would give their own children.

Stepmothers are to be loved, respected, and appreciated just as much as mothers and mothers-in-law.

Let us not forget to give honor where honor is due.

—BR—

## The Wrong Method

We give below a Religious News Service item which we ask you to read. Then read our few feeble remarks that follow.

"Memphis, Tenn.—Highway patrol and other state officials have granted the Methodist church at Millington, 18 miles northeast of here, permission to make five miles of the main highway between the two communities a 'toll road' next July 17 in an effort to raise \$50,000 for the church's proposed educational building.

Laymen's groups from the church will put up toll gates of papier mache at a point five miles outside Millington on that day, a Saturday. Motorists will be asked to contribute a dollar to the building fund but no effort will be made to bar non-contributors from using the road.

We do not think the Lord's cause will be helped by raising money in the manner indicated above.

The article states that "no effort will be made to bar non-contributors from using the road." That may be true, but a lot of folks are going to feel like they must make a contribution after

they are stopped. They will not do it because they love the Lord's work nor will they do it because they want to have a share in the proposed building.

A better method would be for those people to practice tithes and offerings. That's God's plan and nobody has yet been able to improve on God's ways.

Since writing the above editorial Editor John J. Hurt, Jr., of Georgia's Christian Index takes note of the Religious Hold-Up and we quote below some pertinent sentences from his well-written editorial:

"The money is for an educational building but, at this distance, it appears the church needs a little educating more than it needs a building. When, in heaven's name, did it become necessary for a church to take a tin cup onto the highway for begging of alms?

"The cake sales, the bazaars and the like are bad enough. Most of our churches have gotten beyond this. One religious group, not Protestant, continues to promote raffles and bingo parties as a source of income.

"Open the New Testament to the story of Jesus driving the money changers out of the temple. The teaching is as applicable to commercial enterprises off the temple grounds if it is when done in the name of religion.

"Raise money? It's easy. All that's necessary is to raise Christians. Teach them that stewardship of money is part, and a big part, of Christianity.

Churches with members practicing stewardship don't have to go afield for money. They don't even have financial problems."

## A GREATER HORIZON



## A Bandaged Head

We had planned some caustic comment on the recent news reports which told of the plane crash and the rescue of the famous author, Ernest Hemingway. Our particular pet peeve was the fact that he alighted from the rescue plane holding a bottle of gin in one hand.

But Editor John J. Hurt, of the Georgia Christian Index, has done a better job than we could have done, so, we are passing on to our readers his editorial.

"Author Ernest Hemingway, survivor of two plane crashes in the far-off elephant country of Uganda, came out of the jungles the other day clutching a bottle of gin and a bunch of bananas.

"And, said the newspaper report, his head was swathed in bandages.

"Some cartoonist should give his talents to that picture. It isn't much different from this world of ours.

"We'd suggest that the Hemingway head be enlarged to represent the globe of the world. Then, arms extending from the undersized body would be carrying the bottle of gin and a stalk of bananas. The head, obviously, would be swathed in bandages.

"Isn't poor old Hemingway typical of our times? We have lost our sense of values to where, rescued from the jungles, our most precious possessions might be gin and bananas.

"Gin! Homes are wrecked, lives are destroyed and prisons are filled. Gin! We stagger along, knowing neither where we have been nor caring where we are going. Gin! Weaklings, we numb our

minds to realities that we may postpone the judgment we fear.

"Bananas? No particular sin there, except their value is rather small. Even a Hemingway should have something more dear to his pride of ownership than a stalk of bananas.

"But, move the glance of scorn. We must cast the beam out of our own eye before worrying too much about the mote in Hemingway's.

"Having survived the jungle, would we have come out with a Bible as our most prized possession? Then, why does it gather dust beside the living room chair?

"Would we come out with pictures of loved ones? Hardly appropriate for this world if we remember the figures on broken homes where families are tossed aside.

"Would there be the record of some personal achievement for the betterment of mankind? Probably not. Most of us are concerned with the earning of riches and the like for our own good.

We will continue to crash in the jungles unless we correct the error of our ways. And, having crashed, some might question the risk of rescue if we have nothing more than a bottle of gin and a bunch of bananas to bring out.

"Don't forget the head swathed in bandages. It is a picture of finality appropriate to our day."

—BR—

## Our Readers Write

Dear Brother Goodrich:

When I read a few weeks ago in "Our Readers Write" what you said to the brother who wanted you to put certain articles by certain men in the Baptist Record, I did not read anymore until I thanked God for you. We do not need that kind of stuff. — and I do mean "stuff" — in the Baptist Record.

May God bless, guide, and keep you and those who work with you in putting out one of the greatest religious papers in the world. I mean that, too. —

B. L. MOHON

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## Woman's Missionary Union

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COMMUNITY MISSIONS AND STEWARDSHIPS SERIES is to be available in the Book Exhibit at the Convention in St. Louis. It is planned that the entire series will be ready by that time.

UPWARD TRAILS—A new book giving an up-to-date report of the Baptist work among the Cherokee Indians of North Carolina by Mrs. Ewell Payne (Home Missionary), who has worked with them for six years. The books can be secured for 50c from Mrs. Ewell Payne, Cherokee, North Carolina.

## Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp

June 10 - 16, 1954

YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO MISS IT! This week in "The Land of the Sky" is a dream-come-true! As you pray and play, eat and sleep, listen and learn, worship and grow, you'll ever be glad you chose to go to RIDGECREST!

YOU'RE QUALIFIED TO MAKE IT if you are between the ages of 16 and 24, even if you aren't a member of the Y. W. A. Your definite interest in Missions is your one necessity — plus the time and money, of course.

YOU SHOULD REGISTER NOW TO TAKE IT — this trip to Ridgecrest, North Carolina. A chartered bus is taking our Mississippi girls, and your name should reach us IMMEDIATELY if you desire space on that bus. Send your \$2.00 registration fee — and if you want further information, write the address given below.

—Nell Taylor, Box 530, Jackson.

REGISTER SOON FOR RIDGECREST IN JUNE!



Nineteen boys were in the Recognition Service of the David Livingston Royal Ambassador Chapter of First Baptist Church, Brookhaven conducted recently. Mrs. V. J. Stamps, Jr., is the counselor of the chapter. Rev. Brooks Wester is pastor.



MISS NAOMI CLIFTON

Naomi Clifton is one of the young women graduating at Carver School of Missions and Social work this month. Naomi is a graduate of Mississippi Woman's College and has been a recipient of

## Port Gibson Remodels Auditorium—Adds Annex

The Port Gibson Baptist Church is making encouraging progress under leadership of Pastor A. A. Ward. Recently the auditorium was remodeled and opera chairs installed.

The Sunday School has outgrown quarters and the pastor's home has been remodeled to house the Intermediate department and an annex is being constructed for the Junior department.

The pastor and family are living in a rented house for time being.

one of the Mississippi WMU scholarships for her two years in Louisville. We congratulate Naomi and wish for her every good thing in the work to which the Lord has called her.

## Orphanage Students in Central Hi Graduation

The following students of the Orphanage are members of the Central High School graduating class of Jackson this year:

Josephine Nadine Bryan. Nadine has been a resident of the Orphanage for eleven years and came to us from Hinds County. Nadine plans to enter Blue Mountain College this fall to continue her education.

Melvin DeLano Oglesby. Melvin has been a resident of the Orphanage for 15 years, a former resident of Meadville, Franklin County. Melvin is a member of the Naval Reserve and his future plans are not definite at this time. He hopes to continue his education.

Robert Joseph Rustin. Joe has been a resident of the Orphanage for 14 years, a former resident of Jones County. Joe is also a member of the Naval Reserve and will leave for Bainbridge, Maryland on June 25th for training. He will return to the Orphanage for a short stay and visit and then leave soon thereafter, as he plans to make the U. S. Navy his career for some time at least.

The graduation exercises will take place at Tiger Stadium, June 11.

## Rural Life

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was named consisting of Dr. Quarles, chairman, representing state secretaries; Sam Scantlan, state superintendent of missions, Oklahoma; Carl Clark, superintendent of missions, El Dorado, Arkansas; Ray McCullough, rural pastor, North Carolina; J. P. Edmunds, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee; T. B. Maston, seminaries and colleges, Ft. Worth, Texas; and S. F. Dowis, Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

It was also voted that the Rural Church Conference become an integral part of the long range rural church program. The committee announced that plans have been completed to have the 1955 Rural Church Conference at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, June 16-22, in connection with Home Mission Week.

Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, in one of the major addresses to the body of rural pastors and denominational leaders said, "There are 82 per cent of the 29,496 Southern Baptist churches in the open country and 51 per cent of the 7,866,016 members as reported in 1923, are in the country."

Dr. Routh stated that our rural churches are becoming more like city churches but still have peculiar problems. Ninety per cent of the Baptist rural churches in the South have pastors, almost all have Sunday schools, 60 per cent have Training Unions and Woman's Missionary Union work, and most of them own their own meeting places. Dr. Routh pointed out that more and more people living in rural areas work in plants and factories are coming to have the same social experience, same temptations, and face the high cost of living, just as those living in the cities. He said that Southern Baptists have four assets—a bountiful land, a people who work, a great God, and a field white unto harvest.

## Keesler Chaplain Is Former Baptist Pastor



CHAPLAIN JAMES B. MCLEROY

Chaplain (Major) James B. McLeroy is executive wing chaplain at Keesler Air Force Base at Biloxi—the largest of its kind in the world.

Chaplain McLeroy was formerly pastor of the First Church of Kilgore, Texas, and for a number of years at Lamar Avenue Church in Wichita, Texas, where he led the church to move to a new site and erect a magnificent building.

He had much to do with the Protestant Preaching Mission April 11-18 at the base in which Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, executive secretary of the Baptist Foundation, was the preacher.

Mr. McLeroy is available for supply work.

3, at 6:30 p. m. These young people extend a cordial invitation to their friends to be present for this occasion.

## PARKVIEW, GREENVILLE BUYS MORE PROPERTY

A significant step was taken by the Parkview Church, Greenville, last week in the purchase of a six-room residence with garage apartment adjoining the church property for additional space in the expanding educational program of the church.

The residence will become the Baby Building and will be used to house the Nursery and Beginner Departments, which will make the space now used by these departments available for additional Adult classes.

The garage apartment on the new property will also be remodeled for the use of one of the departments.

Mrs. W. L. Compere, Educational Director, and Mr. W. B. Buxbaum, Sunday School Superintendent, have given special attention for some months to the work of the Beginner and Nursery Departments securing a number of additional workers and strengthening this phase of the work.

Mrs. Robert Rounsaville, Beginner Superintendent and Mrs. William Stevens, Nursery Superintendent, and their co-workers have brought the work of these departments to a high degree of efficiency. The providing of additional space now will enable them to do still better work and to reach many more young children and their parents.

Rev. W. L. Compere is the pastor.

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### Youth-Led Revivalists



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Miss Virginia McClain, of Puckett and Mississippi College, and David Larrimore, Minister of Music for Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg, and a student at Woman's College, are among the Youth-led Revival volunteers for this coming summer.

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#### SSM TOTALS \$846.66

A total of \$846.66 for Student Summer Missions has been received in the State BSU office from the following: Carried forward from '53—\$65.98; offering Saturday night of '53 Convention—\$355.19; Sunday School offering, '53 Convention—\$142.34; South Louisville Baptist Church—\$5; BSU of E. Miss. Jr.—\$10; Sibyl Mann, Leland—\$30; First Church, Starkville—\$45.83; First Church, Jackson—\$50; Blue Mountain—\$44.45 and offering Saturday night of '54 Retreat—\$97.87.

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## Foundation Program Of Organization Is Presented By Secretary

BY HARRY LEE SPENCER,  
Executive Secretary

The ministry of the Foundation is a vital part of our Mississippi Baptist life and is so regarded by all the leadership of our Convention. This makes it all the more urgent that we shall have a full understanding and a real appreciation of it in every nook and corner of our state.

The plan adopted by the Foundation trustees at the September meeting in 1953 was to set up an organization on the basis of twenty districts. A chairman for each of the twenty districts and at least one representative for each additional association in the district will comprise the district organization.

This plan has met with enthusiastic approval on the part of many pastors who have written concerning it. It has, also, been suggested that the leadership in this organization be predominantly laymen. This organization properly set up will mean that in every association throughout the state there will be at least one select individual thoroughly familiar with all the phases of the Foundation ministry and constantly seeking to get information out to the people of his, or her, community.

This organization will require a minimum of 78 people to complete it. The result of an influential and informed voice in every association in our state will be of untold value in promoting the ministry of the Foundation.

The question is constantly asked, "What is the Foundation and its ministry?" The answer in brief is for the most part the support of Christian education, but it also includes our orphanage, our hospital, and missions around the world. When our people come to know and realize that through the Foundation they can keep and control their estates for all time and do what they desire for the glory of God and the advancement of His Cause, they are going to respond; in fact, they are responding now. For example, prior to 1940 any will or bequest of money or property to any religious institution in Mississippi was null and void. This old law was changed in 1940, and in this comparatively short time thousands of dollars are now written into wills and in due time will come to our Mississippi Baptist institutions and causes.

However, this as well as other phases of the Foundation's ministry is a "virgin forest," as one man said, with not a tree cut in it. Your Baptist Foundation is in this forest, and we believe the words of the Apostle Paul in Galatians 6:9, "And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart." (RSV)

WHEREAS, her passing is a distinct loss to our church and community and leaves a place that can never be filled;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(1) That we extend to her loved ones our most heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

(2) That we endeavor to take up the work of the Master where she left off, and that we so order our lives that we shall join her some day in that home beyond the skies.

(3) That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Baptist Record for publication; a copy to be sent to the bereaved family; and a copy to be spread on the minutes of our church.

(Signed): Mrs. Carroll Slater, Mrs. Frank Boyd, J. E. Chapman, committee.

### Successful Revival At East Howard, Biloxi

Thirty-three people were added to the membership of the East Howard Church, Biloxi, in the recent revival. Eighteen of these made public profession of faith in Christ, and fifteen joined by transfer of church letters. Many church members rededicated their lives. Rev. H. Fred Williams is the pastor.

Dr. R. A. Tullos, pastor of Bowmar Avenue Church, Vicksburg, was the evangelist. Cecil Harper, minister of music at the First Church, Petal, led the singing.

### INVERNESS INCREASES S. S. AND COOP GIFTS

With the plans for a 21 percent increase in Sunday School to get its share of the job done of "a million more in '54" the First Baptist Church, of Inverness, is showing new vigor. Under the leadership of Superintendent G. Whitty Wall and Dr. Frank Campbell, pastor, the Sunday School has broken all previous records for the first four months of this year. In January the increase was 26 per cent more than a year ago, in February the increase was 12 per cent and in March 16 per cent. But it was in April that the peak was reached with an average of 95.09 per cent of the enrollment present. In the next two months—leading up to a church Loyalty Day on the last Sunday in June—an unusual effort will be made to see that inactive church members are lined up in the Sunday School. Then the last six months of the year will be devoted to reach the total goal.

In preparation for this the second Teacher Training Course will be undertaken shortly to be followed by the faculty of the Sunday School attending the second week of the Sunday School Assembly in Glorieta. The church is to pay the expenses of the teacher's making this trip.

Under the leadership of the Sunday School a new organ was purchased and placed in the sanctuary which was dedicated debt free in January.

The only thing that is retarding progress at all is a lack of facilities. Some of the members of the staff are beginning to see the need of an additional educational annex to the present educational plant.

The church is proud of the progress made under the leadership of the present pastor. During the construction of the new sanctuary and the paying of the debt the increase in Cooperative Program giving has increased 220 per cent. It is hoped that in the future the amount will come to 35 per cent of the annual budget.

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## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

### East Booneville No. 1094

Booneville is now 100 per cent for the Baptist Record. First Church, Booneville is a long-time member of the Baptist Record family, and the latest addition is East Booneville Church, Rev. G. E. Guntharp, pastor.

Not willing to trust the mail, Pastor Guntharp brought the list of 53 names to the Baptist Record office with instructions to start it now.

Record readers in Prentiss county are now listed as follows: BALDWIN, 73; BOONEVILLE, 250; Candler's Chapel, 16; EAST BOONEVILLE, 53; East Prentiss, 1; GASTON, 31; MT. OLIVE, 69; OSBURN CREEK, 34; THRASHER, 21; WHEELER, 39; Pleasant Ridge, 17.

### Everett Is Back

The Baptist Record is glad to welcome Everett Church in Simpson County back on the EVERY FAMILY list. A few months ago the church thought that it should drop the EVERY FAMILY Plan. It didn't take them long to find out that Mississippi Baptists need the Baptist Record, so Everett is back. The pastor is Rev. J. A. McCain, Mississippi College student.

Record readers in Simpson County are now listed as follows: Everett, 19; ANTIOCH, 23; A THENS, 39; BRAXTON, 56; Coats, 12; Campbells Creek, 12; Dry Creek, 7; FOK (BETHLEHEM), 45; Goodwater, 3; HARRISVILLE, 42; HOLLY GROVE, 27; MACEDONIA, 56; MAGEE, 207; MENDENHALL, 123; MT. ZION, 94; NEW HOPE, 42; OAK GROVE, 55; Palestine, 13; PINE GROVE, 25; PINOLA, 57; PLEASANT HILL, 58; PLEASANT VALLEY, 40; SHIVERS, 23; SILOAM, 34; STONEWALL, 27; STRONG RIVER, 36; WEATHERSBY, 41; New Bethlehem, 1; SARTOGA, 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil F. Roberson, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria, have moved from Ibadan to Kabba. Their address is Baptist Mission, Kabba, Nigeria, West Africa. Both are natives of Meridian.

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### ESSENTIALS FOR A BROTHERHOOD

Every Brotherhood, if it is to do its best work must meet within its organization some definite, basic needs. Some of the essentials of a successful Brotherhood are the following:

**Membership**—A Brotherhood is an organized movement among the men of a church 17 years old and above. It seeks to discover, enlist, and utilize the talents of all the men in the promotion of the full program of the church and denomination.

Keeping in mind the purpose of the Brotherhood, it is readily seen that church membership is a prerequisite to enrollment in the Brotherhood.

**Officers**—The Brotherhood should be staffed with a full corps of efficient, competent, and properly placed officers. No man should be given, nor should he accept, an office unless he is able and willing to give his best to the office to which he is to be elected.

The plans, programs, activities, and achievements of the Brotherhood will depend largely upon the seriousness of each officer toward his respective office.

**Literature**—The Brotherhood seeks to inform its members of its proposed activities through the

Brotherhood Journal. The Journal gives to the men of the Brotherhood information as to the work, problems, possibilities, and achievements of the church and denomination.

**Meetings**—Two types of meetings are necessary if a Brotherhood is to do its best work.

First, there is the executive committee meeting that should be held at least once a month.

Second, there should be frequent and regular meetings of all the men. At these meetings well-planned, practical programs should be presented; reports of committees should be made; suggestions for activities should be presented and discussed; and plans made to carry through any program or project that will strengthen the church.

**Activity**—The Brotherhood should seek to utilize most effectively, in a well-rounded program of activity, the talents and efforts of each man enrolled in the organization.

A workable, adequate and needed program of church-centered activity should be presented to the men by the Brotherhood officers, of course in cooperation with the pastor. After its adoption, an all out effort for its achievement should be made.

### CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By REV. LEON V. YOUNG

#### Called and Accepted:

Harvey Martin, East Side, Jasper, Alabama.  
Jake Sharbutt, Round Island and Poplar Creek, Limestone Association, Alabama.  
D. C. McAtee, Central, Phenix City, Alabama.  
B. W. Bailey, Friendship, Bethel Association, Alabama.  
R. E. Stegall, Lamison, Alabama.  
James Cloeman, Thomas, Alabama, from Pineapple, Alabama.  
J. W. Johnson, Blue Mountain, Alabama, from Oak Bowery, Olathe, Alabama.  
J. W. Singley, Rock Springs, Choctaw Association, Alabama.  
G. Emmett Smith, Desoto Park, Rome, Georgia, from Blue Mountain, Alabama.  
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### Sparks & Splinters

**BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., May 10**—Three of the classes at Blue Mountain College have elected officers for the session 1954-55. They are listed below: Senior class: President, Elizabeth Buchanan, Blue Mountain; vice-president, Sara Ann Coleman, West Point; Secretary, Sarah Shirley, Tupelo; treasurer, Rita Gasperson, Black Mountain, N. C.; Student Government Representative, Mary Kit Allen, Louisville. Junior Class: President, Betty Gordon, Columbia, S. C.; vice-president, Dianne Gardner, Memphis, Tenn.; secretary, Shirley Pinkston, Germantown, Tenn.; treasurer, Carolyn Lynch, Wilson, Ark.; Student Government Representative, Anne Smith, Roadhouse, Ill. Sophomore class: President, Sally Branch, Macon; vice president, Sandy Phyfer, New Albany; secretary, Carolyn Takamiya, T. H.; treasurer, Mary Lowry, Columbia; student government representative, Marlene Stuhmer, North Platte, Neb.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Jimmy Hathorn, Bassfield; Albert Wickler, Smithdale; Kesneeth Dye, Newton; Kathryn Jasper, Columbus; Rev. V. R. Crider, McAdams; Mary L. Hollingsworth, McAdams; Barbara McPherson, McAdams; Vyonda Hodges, McAdams; Kay Gowan, McAdams.

Mississippians will be interested in an article in the current issue of the Sunday School Builder by Thomas B. Chaney entitled "New Units Reach New Adults." The article was written while Mr. Chaney was educational director at Calvary Church, Jackson. He is now Superintendent of Missions, Hinds County.

**Blue Mountain, Miss., May 10** T. C. McCullough, Jr., 7113 Joliet St., Baton Rouge, La., today made reservation for his daughter, Kaye, age 8, to enroll at Blue Mountain College in 1960. Kaye will be the fourth generation of her family to be represented in the Blue Mountain student body. Her mother, the former Mary Grace Phillips, lived in New Hebron during her college days. Her grandmother, Mrs. T. C. McCullough, Sr., is the former Modena Greer, and lived at Ruth. Her great grandmother, Mrs. B. J. Greer, the former Myra Bulloch, lives at Tylertown.

**Corinth Church, Tallahatchie County**, had a special Mother's Day program on Mother's Day planned by Mrs. W. T. Mitchell. Mrs. Mary Wiggins, age 92, was the oldest mother present. Mrs. Alice Little, 84, with 14 children, was the mother of the largest family, and Mrs. Paul Smith was the youngest mother present.

**ALBUQUERQUE, N. Mex.** J. Melvin Ray, pastor, First Baptist Church, Carlsbad, N. Mex., and president of the state executive board, has been elected secretary of the Department of Evangelism, Baptist Convention of New Mexico. He will succeed Eual F. Lawson who accepted a similar position with the Missouri Baptist General Association. His answer as to whether he will accept the position or not is not known at this time.

**Temple Church, Jackson** will celebrate its first anniversary on Sunday, May 23. Rev. J. A. Barnhill is the pastor. The church now has 99 members. On its anniversary the church will adopt a plan to begin a new building program. Rev. H. C. Bullock, Mississippi College, will lead the singing. Dr. B. C. Land will bring the evening message.

Billy Graham, evangelist, spoke to 40,000 people at one single service in Hyde Park. Since his three-month London crusade began on March 1, Graham has spoken before 714,000 people.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: W. D. McWilliams, Jackson; Rev. S. B. Harrington, Parchman; J. E. Chapman, Utica; Rev. H. H. Bridges, Hattiesburg; Rev. James Fancher, Hattiesburg; Rev. W. H. Hewitt, McComb; Rev. Montie A. Davis, Carson; Ben Teale, Oakland; Charles Magee, Jr., Oakland.

**MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)**—"Desk Top Witnessing." Southern Baptist Brotherhood's newest objective was launched by the First Baptist Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., in a special service recently. "Desk Top Witnessing" is a program designed especially to reach business and professional men and lead them to become personal witnesses for Christ.

Dr. and Mrs. John Allen Moore, Southern Baptist missionaries who are stationed at the European Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, have returned to the States on furlough. They will be in Louisville, Ky., this fall, where Dr. Moore will study at Carver School of Missions and Social Work. Dr. Moore is a native of Clarksdale, Miss. and is a brother of Dr. Merrill Moore, associate secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee and its Director of Promotion.

**Correction:** An article in a recent issue of the Baptist Record carried the head "Ruth Church Schedules Revival For May 23-30." The revival announced in the article is to be at Halbert Heights chapel, Brookhaven, and not at Ruth. The pastor of Ruth Church, Rev. Henry K. Neal, is to preach in the revival services at Halbert Heights, where Rev. John D. Alexander is pastor.

**RICHMOND, Va. (BP)** Frank E. Voight, pastor, Grandin Court Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., has been elected secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Virginia Baptist Association.

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the thirty-fifth annual session of the Wayne County Association. It was held with the Mt. Zion Church on October 22-23, 1953. The next session will meet with the Clear Creek Church on October 23, 1954. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

**Nicholasville Church in Kentucky** has completed a successful revival meeting in which Rev. R. T. B. Leavell, pastor of the First Church, Newton, was the visiting evangelist. Rev. Newell Massey, pastor of the Lake Dreamland Church, Louisville, Ky., led the singing. There were 27 professions of faith and three additions by letter. The pastor, Rev. William F. Evans, the evangelist, and the song leader are all Mississippians.

The many Mississippi friends of Rev. Wayne Todd, former pastor of Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, and now pastor of Immanuel Church, Lexington, Kentucky, will be interested to know that the church has made excellent progress during his first year as pastor. Four dwellings have been purchased, remodeled and equipped; one lot purchased; the parking lot doubled in size; 14 new departments in Sunday School and four departments and two unions in Training Union have been added; 160 additions to the church; four young men surrendered for full-time Christian service; and an all-time high enrollment of 457 reached in the Training Union.

The speaker for Furman University's 128th annual graduation on Sunday afternoon, May 30 will be Rev. Edward L. Byrd, Pastor of First Church, Florence, S. C. Mr. Byrd was formerly pastor of First Church, Holly Springs, and Highland Church, Meridian, before going to Florence in April, 1950. The honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity, will be conferred on Mr. Byrd at this commencement service by Furman University.

**LONDON (RNS)**—Attendance at Dr. Billy Graham's evangelistic meetings here topped the 1,000,000 mark at the end of the tenth week in his three-month London crusade. This announcement was made by Dr. Graham's headquarters here which called the American evangelist's most successful campaign. A spokesman for Dr. Graham said that no evangelist had attained such an attendance record since Billy Sunday conducted a revival campaign in New York almost 50 years ago.

Golden Gate Seminary conferred thirty-three degrees at this spring's commencement, three of them doctors of theology.

### Kilmichael Licenses 13-Year-Old To Preach



VERNON BOATMAN

Vernon Boatman, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Boatman, formerly of Kilmichael and now of Jackson, was licensed to preach in the morning worship service of the Kilmichael Church on a recent Sunday.

Vernon publicly surrendered to the call to the ministry in the Kilmichael Church during June of the last year. This spring he received the American Legion School Award, based on an outstanding record in "scholarship, leadership, honor, courage, and service."

He was licensed by the church after the pastor and deacons had unanimously reported their confidence in him and their belief in the reality of his call to the ministry.

Rev. Landrum Salley is the pastor.

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**Blue Mountain, Miss., May 3**—Officers of the Student Government Council of Blue Mountain College for the session 1954-55 have been elected. They are: President, Dolores Holmes, Tupelo; vice-president, Sue Longest, Gulfport; treasurer, Sara Rice, Black Mountain, N. C.; secretary, Patty Huddleston, West Point; prosecuting attorney, Martha Goff, Doleville, Ala.; defending attorney, Jean Shurden, Greenwood; faculty advisor, Frank Steely, Blue Mountain. Class Representatives: Senior: Mary Katherine Allen, Louisville; Junior: Anne Smith, Roadhouse, Ill.; sophomore: Marlene Stuhmer, North Platte, Neb.

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Mr. Hugh King, Associate of the Training Union Department, Atlanta, Georgia will be the principal inspirational speaker during the fourth and final week of the 1954 District Training Union Conventions, May 24-28. Mr. Hugh King will also lead the Adult-Administration conference each afternoon of this week. At 8:35 p. m. he will speak on the convention theme, "In The Power of His Might."

In succeeding issues of the Baptist Record there will be published in this column a summary of all the records of the District Training Union Conventions of 1954, including the winners of the district convention features.

## SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Date	Dist.	Meeting Place	Assns. Included
May 24	5	Pontotoc, First—Lafayette, Union Co., Tippah, Marshall, Pontotoc, Benton	
May 25	6	Burnsville, First—Alcorn, Prentiss, Itawamba, Lee, Tishomingo	
May 27	7	Columbus, First—Calhoun, Clay, Monroe, Zion, Lowndes, Chickasaw	
May 28	8	Louisville, First—Choctaw, Winston, Kemper, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Neshoba, New Choctaw	

## YOUTH WEEK REPORTS

**Alcorn Association**  
Tate Street Church, Clyde Plaxico reports "Youth Week has proven to be a real blessing to our church."

**Bolivar Association**  
Pace Church, Mrs. Floyd Thornhill writes, "Youth week is such an inspiring activity for our young people of the church."

**Calhoun Association**  
Shiloh Church, Charles P. Hendrix says, "The minister was an 18 year old boy. It was his first formal sermon and the church was almost filled with people. The result of the sermon was a Junior girl converted."

**Choctaw Association**  
Concord Church, Mrs. R. T. Staples in reporting states, "We believe Youth Week has done more to promote interest in our church activities among our young people than any other one thing."

**Jeff Davis Association**  
Hathorn Church, Mrs. Roy Rogers says, "Our youth led in the program toward Sunday School attendance and set a new record for this year of 101 in Sunday School."

**Whitesand Church**, Curtis W. Bridges writes, "Those participating in all offices were enthusiastic, sincere and reverent. Personally we are very proud of our youth."

**Hinds Association**  
New Haven Church, Mr. Ralph E. Jackson in reporting on Youth Week says, "The attendance of the Adults in support of Youth Week was practically triple of that last year. I can really say ours was a successful Youth Week."

**Lee Association**  
Macedonia Church, "I think Youth Week was worth very much to the young people of our church. They took charge of the services

and carried on wonderfully well," writes Mr. Raymond Vinson.

**Leflore Association**  
Calvary Church, Greenwood. "We think Youth Week was a success in our church. Our worship services and banquet were especially good," reports Mark G. Hunter.

**Lebanon Association**  
Central Church, Hattiesburg. Vivian Geiger reports, "The young people of our church will never be the same. God worked in marvelous ways in the hearts and lives of boys, girls, men and women."

**Lauderdale Association**  
41st Street Church, Meridian. Rev. T. L. Pfeifer, pastor, reports, "Youth Week was very successful in many ways. In one way our attendance has increased in both young people and adults in our church."

**Marion Association**  
First Church, Columbia. C. R. Havie says, "The church and young people alike were very happy over the first Youth Week. It surprised the older folks that young people could do so well."

**Tallahatchie Association**  
First Church, Sumner. J. R. Nannery, Jr., in reporting on Youth Week states, "I believe that almost all of our young people would agree that this was one of the most profitable weeks of the year."

**Walshall Association**  
Crystal Springs Church. "The youth of our church look forward to Youth Week each year, writes Rev. J. N. Crosby.

**Yazoo Association**  
Bentonia Church, W. L. Marsh says, "This is a very fine manner of training for our youth and an attractive means of inspiration for the adult membership."

## Southwestern Seminary Graduates 265 At Spring Commencement

Graduation exercises at Southwestern Seminary were held in Truett Auditorium, May 7. Diplomas and degrees were presented to 265 by President J. Howard Williams.

Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, delivered the baccalaureate address to the graduates from the Seminary's three schools—Theology, Religious Education and Sacred Music.

Dr. Robert E. Naylor, pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, and a trustee of the Seminary addressed the graduates of the School of Religious Education Thursday, May 6, at 8:00 p. m. in Price Chapel.

During the past school year a total of 481 have been graduated, the largest number in any school year.

The Summer School at Southwestern Seminary will begin May 24.

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LOTTIE MOON OFFERING  
TOTALS \$3,573,195.58

Everett L. Deane, treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, reports that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for 1953 totals \$3,602,554.86, an increase of \$322,162.07 over 1952.

Largest offering came from Texas and totaled \$1,280,059.02. North Carolina was second with \$310,549.16; and Virginia was third with \$228,179.08. Books are closed on May 1 each year.

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Bethesda Baptist Church, Hinds County, will have its annual homecoming Sunday, May 23. In the morning service Rev. Glen Morgan will bring the message and in the afternoon Rev. Maurice Flowers will bring the message. Both of these preachers are home boys and are attending New Orleans Seminary. The former members, pastors, and other friends are cordially invited.

## 104 ADDED IN GREENWOOD REVIVAL

First Church, Greenwood experienced the largest ingathering of members April 25-May 2 of any time in its revival history. Dr. J. D. Grey of New Orleans was the visiting preacher when there were 104 additions, 72 of them by baptism, and 5 rededications.

Unusual features were the church leadership banquet on Friday evening with Dr. Grey as guest speaker followed by the opening service of the revival on Saturday evening.

Dr. J. H. Kyzar, pastor, brought the messages on the closing Sunday.

Special music was under the direction of the church's minister of music, Mrs. R. A. Heritage, while E. M. Boling, assistant band director, led the congregational singing.

In addition to three services on Sunday and two services daily, Dr. Grey spoke to the Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, over the radio each morning, to a joint assembly of junior and senior high schools, and to the Delta Pastors' Conference.

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CHAPLAINS TO MEET AT SB CONVENTION

The annual business meeting and breakfast of the Southern Baptist Chaplains Association will be at 7:30 a. m., June 4, at the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, Missouri.

The meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall at the Third Baptist Church in St. Louis.

Dr. Alfred Carpenter, director, Chaplains Commission, and Dr. Charles L. McKay, secretary of Enlistment and Evangelism, Southern Baptist Convention, will speak. Officers will be elected.

All duty chaplains, former chaplains, their wives, friends, and prospective chaplains are urged to attend.

John L. Dodge is president.

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By Dr. John E. Barnes Jr., President Miss. Baptist Convention



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I believe the Victory Club plan now being promoted by William Carey College is most beneficial and helpful in several ways. First, it gives to Mississippi Baptists a concrete way of expressing their support of and cooperation with this Baptist college; second, it will provide money for the construction of greatly needed buildings on the campus; and third, it is effective in getting the needs of one of our Baptist schools before the people of Mississippi.

The plan calls for each member of the club to contribute a dollar a week toward constructing the greatly needed men's dormitory on the campus. I hope that every Mississippi Baptist will have a part in this plan.

—BR—  
Rev. O. J. Henderson, pastor of Good Hope Church in Leake County, will be the evangelist for a youth revival at the Corinth Church in Jasper Association May 28-30. Rev. H. P. McDonald is the pastor.

—BR—  
Blue Mountain, Miss., May 6, 1954 — The Mountaineer, Blue Mountain College yearbook this year has been distributed to the faculty and students. It is dedicated to Miss Jane Ray Bean, student secretary.

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### THESE THIRTY YEARS

On May 21, 1924, the Sunday School secretary began his work with the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Thus, we have come this week to the thirtieth year of service with this department of work.

Thirty Years! It hardly seems possible.

When we began this work, we were told by one who was just leaving the department that we would not remain in it more than two or three years. Yet, it has lengthened into thirty of them.

Many, indeed, have been the times during all of these years when we have thought of the goodness of God and of His graciousness unto us in so many ways.

### OUR FELLOW HELPERS

How unusually blest we have been in those who have been our fellow helpers during these years! What a great group of God's servants we have had the joy of serving with! Do you know them? Well, here they are:

Of course, that peer of us all, Dr. J. E. Byrd, who was secretary of the Sunday School Department from the first Sunday in December, 1903, until his death, October 27, 1937. We shall never cease to be grateful for the many valuable lessons learned in close contact with this faithful and devoted servant of God. We were his associate for thirteen and one-half years.

Wyatt R. Hunter, from June 1, 1924, to September 1, 1934, and now Dr. Hunter, pastor of the First Baptist Church, McComb, Miss.

Howard E. Spell, from June 1, 1924, to September 1, 1925, and now Dr. Spell, Dean of Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.

Merrill D. Moore, from January 1, 1926, to September 1, 1926, now Dr. Moore, Promotional Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.

Lloyd Garland, from February, 1927, to February, 1931, now Rev. Lloyd Garland, associational mission-

sionary in Georgia.

John A. Farmer, from June, 1937, to March 1, 1943, now Brotherhood secretary of South Carolina.

W. R. Roberts, from October 1, 1944, to May 1, 1947, now Brotherhood secretary of Mississippi.

Miss Minnie Brown, the first Elementary secretary, who was with the department when we came and served until failing health forced her retirement in 1927.

Miss Juanita Byrd, from June, 1928, to August, 1929, when she went to China as a missionary, and now Mrs. Claude Huang, Shanghai, China.

Miss Anna Vera Cameron, from September, 1929, to July, 1935, now Mrs. B. T. Riddle, wife of a Baptist pastor.

Miss Ruby Taylor, from March 1, 1936 to August 31, 1940, now Mrs. Willis A. Brown, wife of Dr. Brown, pastor at Tioga, La.

### OFFICE SECRETARIES

Mrs. P. C. French, from January, 1934, to January, 1936, deceased.

Miss Jo Turner, from January, 1936, to June, 1938, now Mrs. Cecil Smith, Clinton, Miss.

Miss Martha Carolyn Wells, from June, 1938, to September, 1938, now with the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

### THE PRESENT STAFF

Those now on the staff have served as follows: Miss Carolyn Madison, from October 15, 1940; Paul Boothe, from January 1, 1950.

Miss Joyce Sutton, from September, 1952, as office secretary; Miss Jacqueline Hewitt, from June, 1953.

Only eternity will reveal all the good that has come because of the faithful, efficient and diligent service rendered by all these devoted servants of Christ through these thirty years. We thank them all for their loyalty and cooperation in a mighty task.

### OUR THANKS TO ALL

We wish to say to one and all a great, big, hearty, "Thank You" for every kindness and favor shown us during these years.

Pastors, superintendents, other officers, teachers, educational directors, church secretaries, associational missionaries and officers, Southwide workers, Sunday school leaders from the other states, and many, many others have cooperated in magnificent fashion to help in the promotion of our Sunday school and Vacation Bible school program.

We have had the joy of working in all size churches, from the smallest to the largest. City churches, town churches, village churches, rural churches, all have been kind to us in granting the privilege of working with them.

We have traveled over practically every mile of railroad (even back when we had lots more than now), the highways, byways, and foot paths.

People have opened their hearts and homes to us most graciously, and we are most thankful.

May the God of peace and joy bless every one of you. We thank Him upon every remembrance of you, and for all your good help along the path of these thirty years.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE May 16, 1954

Jackson, Daniel Mem.	637	256
Jackson, West	312	138
Pearl (Rankin)	129	94
Jackson, Van Winkle	510	231
Jackson, North Side	570	148
Byram (Hinds)	168	134
Jackson, First	1500	505
Jackson, Broadmoor	453	190
Richland (Rankin)	139	67
Paul Truitt (Rankin)	180	85
Hattiesburg, Main St.	1020	357
Laurel, First	609	177
Meridian, 41st Ave.	389	109
Centon, Center Terrace	283	140
Petal-Harvey	361	122
Main School	309	
Harvey	52	
Laurel, Hillcrest	90	96
Jackson, Crestwood	688	438
Jackson, South Side	917	164
Jackson, Parkway	1196	556
Laurel, Wildwood	193	93
Jackson, Highland	160	106
White Rock Mission	78	
Springfield (Scott)	130	94
Clarksdale, Riverside	233	93
Laurel, West	447	141
Meridian, South Side	404	167
Oxford, North	190	112
Columbus, East End	258	96
Bethlehem (Jones)	196	136
Olive Branch	141	88
Columbia, First	741	282
Main Church	676	235
So. Columbia Mts.	65	47
Charleston, First	414	124
Fair River (Lincoln)	93	55
Concord (Choctaw)	189	107
Stonewall	187	113
Kosciusko, First	304	293
Biloxi, First	674	254
Oral (Lamar)	93	48
Hebron (Jones)	66	59
McComb, Friendship	201	86
McComb, Locust St.	89	61
Aberdeen, First	410	125
New Sight (Lincoln)	146	75
Brookhaven, First	715	
Southway	86	41
Halbert Heights	34	29
Friendship (Jackson)	83	90
Columbus, First	953	257
Purvis, First	237	76
Mission	8	
Lucedale	390	164
Pascagoula, First	960	369
Main School	770	241
Jackson Ave. Chapel	95	49
McArthur Chapel	68	47
Orange Grove Chapel	27	12
Nola	67	55
Yazoo City, Calvary	251	128
Cleveland, First	595	149
Main School	546	
Chinese Mission	49	
Calvary (Amite)	46	47
Kreole	103	60
West Point, First	594	203
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	180	57
Wayside (Yalobusha)	41	
Liberty (Winston)	123	124
Edwards	185	48
Oak Grove (Yazoo)	86	101
Meridian, Highland	509	154
Laurel, Second Ave.	440	142
Laurel, Harmony	163	75
Ruth	78	79
Biloxi, Trinity	202	95
Spanish Fort	72	46
Springfield (Adams)	82	39
Friendship (Tallahatchie)	108	45
Natchez, Immanuel	329	200
Ruleville	241	73
Yazoo City, First	553	157
Greenville, Second	593	257
Clarksdale	409	71
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	454	102
Vicksburg, First	649	178
Skene	125	68
Picayune, Roseland Park	154	85
Long Beach, First	287	79

### EMPLOYMENT MANAGER NAMED AT BSSB



JOHN O. JACKSON, JR.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — John O. Jackson, Jr., was elected employment manager in the personnel department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. It was announced by James L. Sullivan, executive secretary. Jackson will assume his duties June 1 and will work with Leonard E. Wedel, personnel director.

PHOENIX, Ariz. — (BP) — E. O. Herring has resigned as president of Grand Canyon College effective July 15, according to announcement by the board of trustees.

Main Church	238
29th St. Mission	57
Bellefontaine (Jackson)	81
Glenfield (Union)	81
Shiloh (Marion)	62
Greenwood, Calvary	419
Laurel, Highland	226
West Point, Calvary	268
New Prospect (Lafayette)	107
Hattiesburg, Temple	564
Gulfport, First	1014
Tupelo, Harrisburg	400
Picayune, First	563
New Albany, First	656
Mission	55
Calhoun City, First	348
Crystal Springs, First	727
Soso, First	161
Hardy (Grenada)	112
Grenada, Emmanuel	295
Main Church	270
Futheyville Chapel	25
Morton (Scott)	277
Main Church	257
Mission	28
Calvary (Gulf Coast)	50
Philadelphia, First	403
Pelahatchie	214
Main School	186
Mission	28
Grenada, First	556
Souenlove (Clarke)	74
Longview (Okibbeha)	76
Baldwyn, First	267
Wheeler Grove (Alcorn)	194
Corinth, Tate St.	312
Hernando, First	156

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Wheeler Grove (Alcorn)	192	163
Picayune, Roseland Park	198	93
Oral (Lamar)	83	63
Aberdeen, First	377	130
Main Church	353	
Mission	24	
Houlka	129	55
Corinth, Tate St.	283	102
Friendship (Jackson)	82	49
Lucedale	344	130
Meridian, South Side	408	177
New Prospect (Lincoln)	147	110
Vicksburg, First	528	171
New Prospect (Lafayette)	108	45

### FIRST CHURCH, SOSO CALLS JOHNNY FOY

First Church, Soso, has called Rev. Johnny Foy as its new pastor. Mr. Foy is son of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Foy at Wildwood Church, Laurel; and Mrs. Foy, the former Ida Lou Coulter, is a daughter of Rev. T. R. Coulter, pastor at Eastview Church. The Foy's have two children, John III and Sylvia.

Mr. Foy is at present a senior at New Orleans Seminary, his college work having been done at Clarke College and Mississippi Southern. Mrs. Foy is a graduate of Blue Mountain College.

Mr. Foy has served pastorates at Ora, Sanford and Union churches in Covington County.

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### THIRTEEN LUNCHEONS SET FOR SAINT LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — (BP) — Thirteen breakfasts and luncheons have been scheduled during the Southern Baptist Convention May 30-June 5. They are as follows:

State Secretaries, Tuesday, June 1, 8 a. m.

Home Mission Board, Tuesday, June 1, 1 p. m.

Southern Baptist Press Association, Tuesday, June 1, 6:30 p. m.

Press conference, Tuesday, June 1, 8:15 p. m.

Southwestern Seminary, Wednesday, June 2, 8 a. m.

Southeastern Seminary, Wednesday, June 2.

Southern Seminary, Thursday, June 3, 8 a. m.

Foreign Mission Reception Thursday, June 3, 3 p. m.

Central Seminary, Thursday, June 3, 1 p. m.

Carson-Newman College, Thursday, June 3, 6 p. m.

Golden Gate Seminary, Thursday, June 3, 1 p. m.

Public Relations Assoc., Thursday, June 3, 1:15 p. m.

New Orleans Seminary, Friday, June 4, 8 a. m.

All meetings thus far announced will meet in the Jefferson Hotel. Reservations for breakfast, luncheon, or dinner meetings should be made now. Address Dr. David Jones, 9306 Midland, Overland 14, Mo.

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## Man Of Distinction

We suggest for the Liquor Industry as a "Man of Distinction" and the following facts from a recent news article in the Jackson Clarion-Ledger.

**HATTIESBURG** — Mrs. Ruby Jordan, 42, is being held in the Forrest county jail here after reportedly confessing that she shot and killed her sleeping husband and then burned their home after a night of "honky-tonkying, drinking, and arguing."

To add to the evidence that liquor does make for distinction we suggest that photos be used to emphasize what liquor will do. The following photos would help the burning home; the woman in her jail cell; three innocent children now facing a dark future; the charred remains of the murdered husband.

## PINOLA CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Pinola Church, Simpson county, will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary Sunday, May 2. A revival meeting begins at the church that day with an all-day service.

At the morning service Rev. W. E. Hardy, pastor, will bring the message. A brief history of the church will be given.

An old-fashioned dinner will be served on the grounds.

Rev. John E. Schooler, D'Lo, will lead the afternoon song and prayer service. Rev. N. F. Davis, Jr., who is to be the evangelist for the revival meeting, will bring the afternoon message.

The revival services will close Friday, May 28.

Rev. Fred Williams, pastor of East Howard Church, Biloxi, will be the visiting evangelist in a revival which begins Sunday, May 23, at the Hamilton Street Church, Brookhaven.

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## WILLIAMS COMPLETES 30 YEARS SERVICE IN S. S. DEPARTMENT



DR. E. C. WILLIAMS

May 21 completes thirty years of service to the Baptist Sunday Schools of Mississippi for Dr. E. C. Williams.

Regardless of the number of years, he plans a full day of work as usual. Since May 21, 1924, Dr. Williams has served in the Sunday school Department and has covered the state many, many times. His work has carried him into the small churches and the big churches, the live churches and the lukewarm, the progressive and the pull-backs.

After serving as Associate Secretary to the late Dr. J. E. Byrd for 13 years, he became head of the Department on December 31, 1937.

During these 30 years Dr. Williams has seen a marvelous growth in the Sunday School work. The enrollment has grown from 112,788 to 255,349 or a gain of 236 per cent.

Dr. Williams thinks that the "Million More in '54" campaign which is meeting with excellent success will push the enrollment beyond the 270,000 mark by the end of the year.

The Vacation Bible School work was launched in the same year that Mr. Williams joined the Sunday School Department and during these years he has helped lead this movement from no enrollment in Mississippi to 116,212.

A native of the Pine Level community in Greene county, Dr. Williams graduated from Mississippi College in 1915. He was a member of the varsity football and baseball teams and manager of the baseball team his senior year. He was also active in literary and religious activities on the campus and taught in public schools after his graduation.

Before coming to the Sunday School work he served in 1923-4 as the first business manager of the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans, which is now called New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mississippi Baptists honored him by electing him president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1943 and 1944. His Alma Mater also honored him in 1946 with the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in recognition of his service to the denomination.

## The Baptist State Papers

By Searcy F. Garrison

Dr. T. F. Callaway, beloved pastor and former president of the Georgia Baptist Convention, once said, "The Christian Index (Georgia's Baptist paper) is God's paper." I believe that Dr. Callaway was right; and it will be a great day for Southern Baptists when the state Baptist paper enters every Baptist home of the state.

Week after week the state Baptist paper speaks on behalf of the Baptist agencies and institutions which seek to build the kingdom of Christ at home and abroad.

The effective ministry of the Baptist Press is reflected in an informed and co-operative Baptist constituency, stronger churches, and increased contributions to the Cooperative Program. The state papers and their faithful editors are rendering an excellent service for which Baptists are grateful.

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**RICHMOND, Va. (BP)**—James R. Bryant, executive secretary of Virginia Baptists for seventeen and one-half years, plans to resign at the end of this year. It was announced at the regular spring meeting of the Virginia Baptist Board of Missions and Education. MASSE.

Clinton Church has voted to send Pastor Russell McIntyre and wife to the Baptist World Alliance that meets in June, 1955 in London.

—BR—

The Senate Committee on Finance has voted to kill, for this session, a bill that would give huge tax relief to distillers with large stocks of whisky on hand and for which they have no ready market. The measure passed on the Republican-dominated House of Representatives last year, shortly after that body voted to put off tax relief for millions of consumers. It would permit distillers to hold the whisky in bond for 12 years without paying tax on it instead of eight years, as is required under present law. Some legislators—such as Representative Wright Patman (D-Texas)—are warning that through some legislative sleight-of-hand, this measure yet may be called up for action in the hurried closing days of Congress. When hearings were held on the measure recently, the representative of not a single temperance organization appeared to protest it, although all of them are opposed to it. THE LIQUOR INTEREST WERE OUT EN

## Eleven Miss. College Students To Do Summer Mission Work



Mississippi College students who will do summer mission work are: Seated, left to right, Bonnie Faye Pearson, Nora Stegall, Irma Jean Jones, Frances McIlvain, Mary Hix. Standing, left to right, Lenno Powell, Stanley Stamps, Barbaranne Carley, Joe Odle, Lamar Thompson and Calvin Willard. (Photo by John Fest.)

**CLINTON** — Mississippi College students will be scattered from East to West, North to South this summer as they participate in various forms of summer student employment. Eleven Choctaws have been appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to serve as Summer Student Missionaries, and will work in Missions fields from Maryland to California, Ohio to Texas.

Appointed to serve in the general mission work were Lamar Thompson of Newton, Calvin Willard of Mobile, Ala., Nora Stegall of Pontotoc, Irma Jean Jones of Meridian, Joe Odle of Gulfport, and Frances McIlvain of Vicksburg.

Three students will go to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where they will work in the Indian and Spanish student mission program. Going to this field will be Bonnie

Faye Pearson of Carriere, Lenno Powell of Malcomb, Ala., and Stanley Stamps of Prentiss.

The other two Choctaw appointees who will be working in the missions program are Mary Hix of Biscoe, N. C., who will be doing good will center work in Baltimore, Md., and Barbaranne Carley of Yazoo City, who will be working with the Mexican people in San Antonio, Texas.

These students are among over 50 students appointed to participate in this summer student mission program. Reporting to their fields of service by June 7, they will be assigned to work in various mission points within the state of their assignment. For ten weeks they will conduct Vacation Bible schools, work in encampments and good will centers, help in various church activities and take religious censuses.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORTS

School	Enrol.	Offg.
Louin	56	
Canaan (Benton)	51	6.14
Pope (Panola)	90	12.66
Morgan Chapel (Oktoberbeha)	71	8.47
Pinola	52	12.22
Liberty (Pontotoc)	53	4.20
Shubuta	78	6.25
Evansville (Tate)	57	10.28
Wyatte	59	10.00
Pleasant Ridge (Calhoun)	44	2.94
Stonewall (Clarke)	183	18.50
Calvary (Lawrence)	80	15.25
Eupora First	180	61.32
Enterprise	115	27.51
Pilgrim's Rest (Calhoun)	44	2.34
Mossville	48	5.00
New Hope (Zion)	56	9.73
Collins	136	16.02
Hickory Baptist (Newton)	71	8.11
Gillsburg	117	20.00
Bethany (Calhoun)	84	10.11
West Union (Pearl River)	73	9.78
Mendenhall	139	
Mt. Pleasant (Smith)	61	11.10
Thrasher (Prentiss)	60	10.00
Tuscumbia (Prentiss)	44	2.40

—BR—  
Walter R. Alexander, executive secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board, is at home after a serious illness in Baylor Hospital and very soon will be back at work.

—BR—

Nina Jean Oglesby who has made her home at the Baptist Orphanage for fifteen years, will be a member of the graduating class of Blue Mountain College. Nina was a former resident of Meadville, Franklin county. The graduation exercises will be held at Blue Mountain on Saturday, May 29th at 10:00 a. m. Nina plans to teach this fall.

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## Sunday School Lesson

By Dr. L. Bracey  
Campbell  
For May 23

### ONE MAN WITH GOD IS A MAJORITY

Bible Text: I Kings 22.

Introduction. This lesson is not concerning an argument between one true prophet and four hundred false prophets merely; it is the story of a combat between God Almighty and His one man on one side, and one fool king and an evil king with an allied army on the other, and the inevitable outcome of that combat. And of this combat the battle of Ramoth-gilead was but the conclusion, the outcome, the harvest.

#### I. TWO PETTY KINGS AND THE KING OF KINGS:

As two of the actors in this story, we have the Kings of Jerusalem and of Israel. Jehoshaphat had come up from Jerusalem to be guest of his son's wife's father, Ahab, who is known in history as Jezebel's husband.

Jehoshaphat was a fool. With all the facts before him, in the face of a choice to be made he elected to make the choices of a fool. He knew somewhat of the strength of the army of Ben-Hadad, and that, without the help of the Lord God Almighty, Ahab had just about as much chance to win a battle against the forces of Ben-Hadad as the little republic of Cuba would have to wage a victorious war against this country. He had sensed enough to know the right from the wrong and the evil from the good and to discern the probable consequences of the purpose battle.

He knew that the pitiful little army that he and Ahab were able to muster would stand no chance of winning a victory without the aid of the Lord God of Israel. He also satisfied himself that God was displeased with the expedition.

The prophet of God had been sent for and had told these two petty kings of a God-sent vision, "I saw all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd and Jehovah said,

These have no master; let them return every man to his house in peace." Jehoshaphat heard this message from Jehovah and knew when he heard it that he was listening to a true prophet of Jehovah; But, in spite of this, he chose to go with Ahab up to battle.

I have said Jehoshaphat was a fool, and now I am saying that Ahab in addition to being the hen-pecked husband of the wickedest woman in the world, was himself personally an evil man. It is altogether possible that he persuaded himself to make this ill-starred expedition in hope that Jehoshaphat might be killed; for Jehoshaphat's son was Ahab's son-in-law, the crown prince of the kingdom of Judah. The king slain in battle would mean Jezebel's daughter on the throne in Jerusalem.

So Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, "You go into battle dressed in all your royal regalia, and I will disguise myself so that none shall know who I am, and the fool-king did it, thus openly marking himself for slaughter.

But high above these kings sat the king. He had decreed the safety of Jehoshaphat and the end of Ahab—Ahab the flouter of God, Ahab the cat's-paw of Jezebel, worshipper of Baal. The King of Heaven had given Ahab unusual opportunities to walk in the right way, had sent him great Elijah, through whom he had given evidence that he was God in Israel and unto the ends of the earth. Once and again Ahab had his chance, and as often he had scorned it.

Men just cannot treat the Lord God that way and escape the dire consequences of such treatment. This principle holds true of men of all kinds and conditions every where and every when. God never smites without first warning, but when all warnings are ignored, he smites. His stroke may be delayed for a day, a week, or a year, but the stroke as certainly falls as God is God.

#### II. GOD'S ONE MAN AGAINST SATAN'S FOUR-HUNDRED

Micaiah, the man of God. In the eyes of the world, what a pitiful figure he cuts, to be sure! One puny man against four-hundred sleek, fat, vociferous priests. Did you ever hear a statement like this: "Everybody can't be wrong"? or, a statement like this, "Every state in the union licenses the sale of liquor except Mississippi. Forty-seven states can't be wrong." Now that's the argument to which the kings listened when one man for God spoke against four-hundred. But that one man was on God's side, and that fact stamps him as right not only, but a victor in the combat.

Now against this one man were arrayed Jezebel's four-hundred, false men and, therefore, defeated men, men already whipped, vanquished. From the city of Samaria all the way to earth's remotest mountain and from time to all eternity the man or the men how many soever assume the role of the utterly defeated when they line up on the side of the false and untrue. IN. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LEADERS

This heading means leaders of any institution or movement—the leader of the family, a church, a state, a crusade in any cause. The head of the family doesn't live to himself, he has a responsibility,



Shown above is the Louin Vacation Bible School group. This school was held May 3-7 with an enrollment of 56 and an average attendance of 51. The offering will be given to the Cooperative Program. Dr. W. E. Greene is the pastor.

### Rev. C. O. Estes Is Port Gibson Evangelist

Rev. C. O. Estes, pastor of First Church, Mount Olive, was the evangelist at the recent revival meeting at Port Gibson. There was one profession of faith.

Rev. A. A. Ward, pastor, led the singing.

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### 35 Additions In Revival, Center Terrace, Canton

In the revival meeting at the Center Terrace Church, Canton, May 3-9, there were 35 additions—24 by profession of faith and 11 by letter and statement.

Reverend Thurman Booth of Valence Street Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, did the preaching, and Mr. Ralph Young of Pascagoula led the singing, accompanied by Mrs. Evelyn Durham at the piano and at the organ by Mr. Douglas Rasberry. Rev. Solie I. Smith is the pastor.

binding, demanding, unshrinkable to the members of his family. The leader of a church. By his assumption of leadership he obligates himself to every member of the body of Christ to lead aright. The sovereignty of a state is under obligation to God to give the people the right sort of leadership.

There were thousands of young men in the kingdoms of Judah and Israel, every one of whom deserved to be led aright, deserved to be directed by a Godly leader who would take care for the lives and their well-being that they might live quiet, contented, happy lives. Their king had no right in any vain or foolish cause to throw them away in battle, to waste their young lives to satisfy some vaulting ambition of his own with no regard for the fact that life was sweet to them and might be expended in the work of building his kingdom into greater prosperity and happiness.

Leaders in every walk of life may need to learn how sacred under God, is the life of any land, Human life to any land or institution is God's very richest gift and as such ought it to be esteemed. Wise the father or mother who so regards it in the case of their children; wise the minister of the word of God who esteems to loftiest degree the young life in his congregation; wise the teacher who knows that, while he is dealing with young life in his classroom, he is building of the imponderable materials of heart and soul the structures of character eternal.

### North Oxford Church Licenses Joe Lovelady

Joe Lovelady was recently licensed to the Gospel Ministry by the North Oxford Church. At present Mr. Lovelady is a student at Ole Miss where he has been preparing himself for the profession of pharmacy.

Since he has been called into the ministry he will enter Mississippi College this summer to prepare himself for the ministry.

Rev. Guy C. Futral is pastor of North Oxford Church.

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### 50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

By Rev. J. L. Boyd Sr.

#### 50 YEARS AGO—

Southern Baptist Convention Number: Convening in Nashville, preceded by the Ninth Annual Session of B. Y. P. U. Convention, which furnished a "high tide" for opening of the Convention. At the time of opening of the first session 821 messengers had registered. Marked progress for past 12 years was noted; total receipts in 1892 being \$9,000 plus; whereas in 1904 \$109,000 plus. Southern Baptist churches had increased to 20,599, with a membership of 1,774,599.

#### 40 YEARS AGO—

Pastor B. L. Mitchell of Cleveland reports their meeting which resulted in "twenty-eight professions—23 additions" during which Rev. Harry L. Martin of Indianola did the preaching and Singer R. L. Cooper led the song services.

The newly elected pastor of the First Church, Vicksburg, Rev. Webb Brame, announces his arrival on the field fresh from the Southern Seminary. One hundred and thirty in Sunday school yesterday.

#### 25 YEARS AGO—

P. I. Lipsey, Jr., in London, writes enthusiastically of "An Adventure in Boydom."

The Amory Church received 27 new members, 19 for baptism, during a two weeks meeting in which Pastor Charles F. Hinds was assisted by Rev. M. R. Holcomb of Tupelo and Prof. J. F. Evans of the high school as song leader.

### CALENDAR OF PRAYER

May 24 — District Training Union Conventions; Graduation, William Carey College.

May 25 — Graduation, Clarke College; Dr. Guy C. Mitchell, Mississippi College faculty.

May 26 — Rev. Jack Cranford, Yazoo Associational Organizer of Evangelism; O. B. Kerr, Marshall Associational Brotherhood President.

May 27 — Junior G. A. Camp, Garaywa; Mrs. W. L. Carpenter, Pontotoc Associational W. M. U. Superintendent.

May 28 — John A. Collier, Washington Associational Sunday School Superintendent; Harold Gully, Pearl River Junior College Student Secretary.

May 29 — Betty Jo Runnels, MSCW BSU President; Rev. James Dunnam, Greene Associational Training Union Director; Rev. H. H. Ward, Attala Associational Missionary.

May 30 — Graduation Exercises, Mississippi College; Baccalaureate Services, Blue Mountain College, W. M. U. Annual Meeting, St. Louis.

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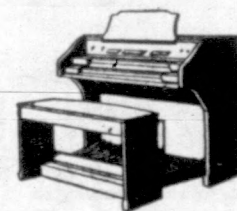
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## A ONE MAN STORY

After the teaching of the book "The Pull of the People" last fall, one of the deacons of the First Baptist Church of Charleston followed a suggestion contained in Dr. Barnett's book. Deacon Benton Neely resigned from the adult men's Bible class, of which he had been a member for some thirty years and decided to begin a class of his own. The one requirement for membership would be that the prospect was not enrolled in any other Sunday School. With class room space all taken, the only available spot was the old double garage behind the church. Permission was granted to utilize this space, and volunteer labor floored, sealed, illuminated, and heated one half of this garage. The stage was now set.

The first Sunday that this class met, there were three present. These held an election in good Baptist fashion, electing M. Neely teacher, and the other two president and secretary. An appropriate name was selected, and the "Workers" class of the First Baptist Church came into being. After this inauspicious beginning, growth began to be visible each Sunday. The enrollment and average attendance both grew until now, with some 26 men enrolled and this increasing almost each Sunday, the average attendance runs between 12 and 16 monthly. The devotion of the teacher to his class members is known to the entire community, for each Sunday morning about 6:30 Mr. Neely, can be seen driving up and down the streets of town talking to prospects and inviting members to attend. If new ones agree to come, he returns to that home about 9:15 and picks them up for a ride to the church and Sunday school. Many of the members of this class are physically incapacitated, so Mrs. Neely also helps in the job of transportation as she picks up certain ones in the truck.

It was soon realized that the classroom was too small, so more volunteer labor was secured, and the other half of the garage was floored, sealed, wired for lights and windows put in. At the present rate of growth, the very near future will find this additional space also inadequate.

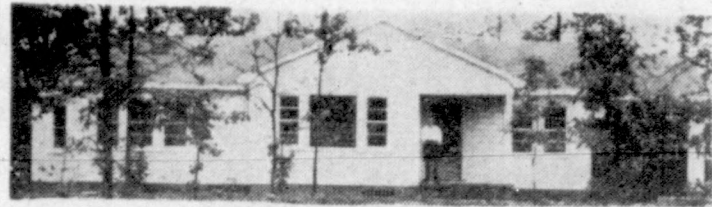
Because of such efforts as this, the proposed enrollment increase of the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church of 20 per cent was reached in the first quarter of the year, and an additional goal was added for the remainder of the year.

This class is a tribute to the compassion of one man for those who are lost and unenlisted. Surely this was the spirit of Jesus as He saw the multitude "as sheep not having a Shepherd."

Dr. Landrum P. Leavell is the pastor.

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**ST. LOUIS, Mo. (BP)—**David W. Jones of St. Louis is only the chairman of the committee for arranging places for banquets and dinners to be held in connection with the Southern Baptist Convention. He does not receive individual reservations. So please do not send him any more money or requests for tickets. Write to him only if you want to arrange a meeting place for a large group.



## LIBERTY, WINSTON DEDICATES PASTORIUM

The new pastorium at Liberty Church in Winston Association was dedicated, debt free on Sunday, May 2, with Rev. Olyn F. Roberts bringing the dedicatory message. Since December, 1953, the church has had a full-time program.

The following composed the building committee Miss Earline Edwards, Mrs. Hughes Wilkes, Miss Edna Wilkes, Leroy Gregory, Tilman Luke, Tom Patterson, and Vivian Carter.

The purchasing committee was composed of Leroy, Gregory, K. K. Horne, and Bill Dewease.

The pastorium is valued at \$10,000.

The Sunday School and Training Union have more than doubled and there have been 25 additions to the church during the present program. Clinton Yarbrough, L. R. Snow, K. K. Horne, W. E. Ingram, Carson Edwards, Bill Dewease, and Leroy Gregory make up the Board of Deacons.

Standing on the porch is Rev. Paul Wilson, pastor.

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## MIXED MARRIAGES

The following is a direct quotation from a Catholic paper:

The Point Roman Catholic organ, has the following item, "Warning! Official diocesan figures show that one third of our American Catholic boys and girls now marry non-Catholic. In 6 out of 10 mixed marriages, two out of 3 children born out of such marriages turn out non-Catholic. In 6 out of 10 mixed marriages, the Catholic partner leaves the church. In the past 10 years, 165,000 young Catholics who married Protestants and Jews before their parish priests have abandoned their Catholic faith."

When young people are forced to sign away the religious liberty of children before they are born, there remains in their hearts a resentment. It is surprising that the number that remains in the Catholic Church is as large as it is. There should be a revolt to the point that the priest would learn that the end does not justify the means. God requires righteousness not force.

Baptist young people should never take the marriage pledge the Catholic Church requires. It is not right in the sight of God.

S. C. RUSHING.

—BR—

Years ago we used to sing, "How long must we wait?" Many thousands have already answered that question. Tired of waiting, they have turned to Mohammedanism and Catholicism and Communism. The many who are still within the reach of our message constitute a mandate to Southern Baptists. We must not fail them, and we dare not disobey the mandate of God with reference to them.—George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East for the Foreign Mission Board.

## Deadly Disease Grips Ministry

Rev. James P. Brewer

A dreadful disease has taken its toll in the ranks of the ministry in recent years. This article is being written for the benefit of churches and preachers alike. All Christians everywhere should be aware of this awful disease and of its deadly effect on the Christian ministry of today. The name of the disease is "FALSE DOCTOR-ITIS" and when it is a known fact that a minister of the gospel is afflicted with it, his integrity is questioned, his influence is impeded and his honesty is doubted. It is a sad fact, however, that many of our own Baptist ministers, as well as others, are falling in the wake of this un-Christian and character-destroying disease. Therefore our people need to know the truth about Doctor's Degrees.

There are three ways in which a preacher may secure a Doctor's Degree: 1. He may earn it, by completing four years of college work plus five to six years in one of our accredited seminaries. This is a professional degree. An academic degree may be secured from a University in the same way. 2. The Honorary Doctor's degree may be conferred upon him by a reputable institution, such as our own Mississippi College. This degree is added dignity and is given in recognition of one's ability to serve or for service already rendered. Either of these degrees are completely honorable and good to have. 3. The third type of degree is the "dishonorable degree." This degree may be obtained for as little as \$25.000 while some other "mills require \$100.00 plus six weeks to six months residence work on the "mill yard."

Recently there appeared on the same page of one of our state Baptist papers the pictures of two preachers; Beneath each picture

Ralph "Dusty" Crawford, Baylor University radio-television major, has recently been named president of the Seventh and James College Council for 1954-55. This council coordinates activities of the more than 1400 Baylor students who are members of Seventh and James Church in Waco, Texas. Charles Wellborn is pastor of the church. Mississippians appointed to the council are Carolyn Ware, Tupelo, program committee member (Her parents are missionaries to Hawaii); Frank Hart Smith, adviser for the group and Minister of Activities at Seventh and James, graduate of Mississippi College and native of Greenwood.

was the appellation, "Doctor." Both these men are graduates of a Baptist college. One of them spent six long hard years in one of our seminaries earning the Bachelor of Divinity Degree and the Doctor of Theology Degree. The other one is afflicted with "FALSE DOCTOR-ITIS." He went to an off-brand, non-accredited, non-Christian institution. He paid the required fee, spent six months on the "mill yard" and came away with a so-called doctor's degree.

Only a few weeks ago a church in one of our near by states called a new pastor. In an article in the Baptist paper of that state it was stated that Doctor So-and-So received his education at one of our Baptist colleges and at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Upon a check of the records it was revealed that this person had attended that college one year; He had attended the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary less than a year doing work in the School of Christian Training and had no diploma or degree from either institution. Strangely enough the place from which the "doctor's degree" was secured was not mentioned. The time has come when our churches need to investigate before they call a pastor. They want to be sure they are getting an honest man and one who received his degree in an honest way from an honestly accredited institution.

This information may be secured by simply writing to any reputable institution where a person has attended school.



Shown above are the young people of Enon Church, Walthall Association, with Rev. Carless Evans, Jr., Meridian, who was evangelist at the recent youth revival. Church officers for the youth revival were: Glenn Martin, youth pastor; Donald O'Quin, assistant youth pastor; Hubert Ray Greer, song leader; Sue Belle Boyd, pianist. Mrs. Freeman Alford, Training Union director, helped in making the week a success. There were several additions to the church. Rev. W. W. Hoffer is the pastor.

## Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, Pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind."

He writes this column each week for the Baptist Record.

## CHRONIC DOUBTER

## Question:

Recently a guest minister preached at our church and ever since I have had doubts about being born again. I have felt so insecure since I heard this sermon. How does one know when he is born of the Holy Spirit? I don't think everyone has a dramatic experience as did Paul, but I should know in my heart shouldn't I? I seem to be a chronic doubter.

## Answer:

Your doubts are not uncommon. They are doubts which many have at one time or another.

No two people have the same emotional experience. Take Paul, since you have mentioned him. He had a very dramatic experience. Compare his experience with that of most of the disciples. In many instances, Jesus said, "Come follow me." And they did, believing. These are two extremes, I admit; but who can say that one experience was any more real and effective than the other?

Of course we want to know in our hearts that we are Christians. We ought to know. Our Bible is our source book here. First, we must confess Jesus (Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9). Second, we love God and our fellow man (John 13:34-35; 14:21-24; 1 John 3:14.) Third, we are led by His Spirit to obey (Rom. 8:9; 1 John 2:3). If we truly believe, God speaks to us through His Word giving assurance of salvation (1 John 5:10-13).

The one irreducible minimum of Christian experience is repentance and faith. Only you will know whether you have been humble enough to turn to God in simple trust. Let me put it this way. Are you depending upon Jesus and His death on the cross as your hope of eternal life? Do you consciously rely upon His accepting love for your peace? Do you believe that God loves you unconditionally and that He will continue to do so? Have you publicly confessed this and do you sincerely try to follow Christ? Then you have nothing to worry about.

Perhaps the sermon was a good one. It caused you to examine the foundations upon which your soul rests. Don't worry about how you feel. Rely upon how God feels about you.

Address questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.)

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The shower of rocks on the roof as we closed the inauguration service was more like an "amen" than intended persecution and assured us that we were doing something worthwhile, else the devil wouldn't be bothering us.—Burley E. Cader, missionary to North Brazil.



## South Dakota Church Presents Opportunity

The only Southern Baptist church in South Dakota, located in Rapid City, has purchased 15 lots in a strategic location, on which to erect a church building. They have purchased a new piano, a typewriter, and other equipment needed to carry on. The meeting place has been a small residence owned by one of the members.

The church was organized on March 26, 1953 with 22 charter members. The present pastor, Rev. L. H. Roseman, came on the field on August 1, 1953, after leaving his pastorate in Arkansas to do mission work in the Northwest. There are now 86 members with a Sunday School enrollment of 100 and a Training Union enrollment of 78. A W.M.U. and a Brotherhood have been organized.

Rapid City has a population of 35,000. Many of the thousands of men stationed at the nearby permanent Air Base are Southern Baptists and want a Southern Baptist Church which they can attend. Others are not Southern Baptists but will attend a Southern Baptist Church if one is available. (There is an American Baptist church in the city with an average attendance of about 200.)

The pastor writes, "We have secured a commitment for a loan of \$28,000 with which to erect the first unit of our church building. We have paid for four of the lots at a cost of \$1500 and are paying for the others at \$94 a month. Within a short time after we enter our new building we feel that we shall have built up our membership to a strength that will enable us to carry our load of obligations. But for a while we feel that we shall need some help from stronger churches or from individuals until we can get established. After that, we are confident that we shall grow fast, and within a short time will have a strong Southern Baptist church here. And from this as a hub and center we expect to establish Southern Baptist churches in other cities and towns in South Dakota."

The church gives 10 per cent of undesignated offerings to the Co-operative Program and also contributes to special missionary offerings.

Missionary-minded Southern Baptist churches and individuals will be greatly blessed in assisting such a worthy project as this, giving what amount and in whatever way the Lord leads. Two of the leading members of this church are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hodge. Mr. Hodge is the son of Dr. G. C. Hodge of Biloxi and Mrs. Hodge is from Jackson.)

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Druid Hills Baptist Church has commemorated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its pastor, Louie D. Newton, who began his ministry there in 1929. He was called from the editorship of the Christian Index, which he served from 1920-29. He has served as president of the Georgia Baptist Convention, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, vice president of the Baptist World Alliance, and was chosen as "Churchman of the Year" in 1952 by Church Management Magazine.

## Hit While Hot

I used to watch my father and grandfather in the blacksmith shop fashion wheels, shoe horses, and weld metal. One thing I learned was that there was an opportune moment for laying the metal on the anvil. That moment was when the metal became hot with proper intensity of heat. If the metal got cold it was more difficult to shape. I can visualize this very moment the sparks flying off the anvil when the hammer came down with "Pling!"

There is a lesson in life there which we believe to be applicable to the establishment of Seminary Extension Centers. Hit while the metal is hot. Hit at the opportune moment. This is the opportune moment for those who would begin extension centers in the fall. It takes about three months to plan an extension center, get committees appointed and reports made, set up the schedule of meetings, and make proper contacts. Those who wait until fall to think about a fall center will find that it will be spring before the center goes into operation.

All over the South there is a rising interest in the work of Seminary Extension. There are over one hundred county sites in the Southern Baptist Convention which this next year will establish Seminary Extension Centers, if they follow through. There are as many others that ought to follow suit. But the time to strike is NOW. The time to appoint committees is NOW.

A Seminary Extension Center operates through the Pastor's Conference, or the executive committee of the association. When either of these bodies has decided that it is advisable to have an extension center, the next step is to appoint a committee whose duties will be to set up the center and work out the details of time, place, and schedule. It will be the duty of this committee also to select the leadership, such as the director, registrar, and teachers. The Seminary Extension centers utilize local pastors who have prepared themselves for their work. It is required that a teacher have at least a B. D. degree and that he have an interest in teaching. A pastor has much to offer to those who sit under his leadership. In addition to his academic training, he has his experience to share. That is why the Extension Department looks to pastors for teaching.

Extension Centers have already been set up in North and South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, Missouri, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, California, Colorado, Illinois, and Michigan. In these states it is not unreasonable to suppose that within the next two or three years a Seminary Extension Center will be in a practical driving distance of every pastor in the Southern Baptist Convention.

### What To Do

First, write the Seminary Extension Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi, Lee Gallman, Director, to send information relative to the establishment of a Seminary Extension Center.

Second, get the proper authorization from your executive committee or pastor's conference.

Third, bring the matter to the attention of this group in such a



## Colombian Protestants Appeal For Rights

BOGOTA (RNS)—The Evangelical Confederation of Colombia has appealed to the United Nations, the Organization of American States, and Pope Pius XII to safeguard the rights of Protestants in Colombia.

Citing the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the statement requested the U. N. to use its influence to obtain the liberties of that document for Colombian Protestants and to take steps to obtain the free exercise in Colombia "of the human liberties guaranteed by the Charter of Bogota."

The amendments were recommended by the Government's Commission on Constitutional Studies. One would bar Protestants from proselytizing outside their churches. The other would require that instruction of Catholic students at non-public schools conform to Catholic dogma.

In its statement, the Confederation said that for nearly a century the Protestant Church carried on a program of religious, educational, and medical work in Colombia "which has been received favorably and sympathetically by the majority of Colombians and was never hampered until now by organized opposition."

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way that they will follow through on the suggestions above.

Harmony Mission in Vicksburg was recently organized into a church. The mission was started in October, 1951, under the leadership of Trinity Church. Rev. Karl McGraw was the first pastor.

Rev. Len Turner accepted the pastorate of the mission in 1952 and has led its present building program which has been sponsored by the Warren County Association.

A revival was completed on May 2 with 19 additions and approximately 50 rededications. Rev. Barney Walker, Jr., was visiting evangelist.

## Arkansas Baptist Church Becomes Interracial

PARAGOULD, Ark. (RNS)—Oak Grove Baptist church, a congregation of 40 members in a farming community near here, has become what is believed to be the first interracial Baptist church in Arkansas by admitting ten Negroes to membership.

The Rev. Amos Greer, missionary for the Greene County Baptist Association and a member of the church, said the congregation took the action because "we would look funny talking about foreign missions if we could not do something like this in our own community."

The Oak Grove church opened its doors to 25 Negroes for common worship on April 4 and the ten now admitted to membership were part of that group.

Immediately afterward, the church organized a community revival services for Paragould's 500 Negroes who previously had no facilities for worship. It was reported to be the first revival meeting for Negroes to be conducted in the area by an ordained minister of any denomination in more than 65 years.

The Rev. A. Garland of Kennett, Mo., a Negro minister, was invited to the Oak Grove church to conduct the community service for which Paragould's East Side Baptist church provided a pulpit, pews and a piano.

Mr. Greer said that Oak Grove's new Negro members will be used as the nucleus for the formation of a Negro mission in Paragould and that an interracial committee has been formed to determine the possibility of obtaining a Negro minister to serve it. The Rev. Russell Dufer, moderator of the county Baptist association, and Mr. Greer head the committee.

Pastor of the Oak Grove church is the Rev. A. C. Rudloff.

## REVIVAL—90 M.P.H.

By Andrew M. Hall

We pulled out of Jacksonville, Florida, for Houston, Texas. A number of preachers were aboard enroute to the Southern Baptist Convention. It was time for the evening meal and on the way to the diner we went through a chartered car filled with high school band students from a Western Florida town.

The students were all over the place. Some were playing games, discussing their trip, girl friends, etc. As one of the pastors returned from the diner he was recognized and hailed by a student who had known him in a former pastorate. In the lap of the student was a ukelele. The pastor spoke and picked up the instrument picking out the tune "Every Day With Jesus." The singing began.

From this point things moved fast. Other preachers and their wives stopped and joined in. Soon Tom was on his feet leading a testimony service. One of the young people said, "Preach to us—this is church time on Sunday night."

All the while people were "pushing through" the Sunday night service. Tom preached. He said, "I'll now give an invitation." Some of us started "Just As I Am." Young people began walking the aisle, climbing over seats—to Jesus. A girl next to me bowed her head in deep conviction. Soon another girl came and spoke to her and she went forward. We had 14 conversions and a host of rededications. The Bandmaster testified for Christ.

Did it last? A telegram arrived at Houston 3 days later, "Revival broke out here in local church as a result of Train Revival." So—we saw them saved—moving through the night at 90 miles per hour.